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CORRESPONDENCE

"BIVATOL" AND "BILIPOSOL"

DEAR SIRs,

With reference to my remarks on "Bivatol" and "Biliposol" (BRIT. J. VENEREAL DISEASES, 1933, **9**, No. 4, p. 255) in which "Biliposol" was described as the trade name given to a solution of bismuth camphocarbonate in ether-purified olive oil, it now appears that this name is registered only in Great Britain. The liposoluble compounds originally investigated by Levaditi and his collaborators (*Ann. Inst. Pasteur*, 1928, **42**, 1489) were the bismuth camphocarbonate, prepared by Picon, and basic bismuth α -carbethoxy- β -methylnonoate, prepared by Girard. The former, now marketed in Great Britain under the trade designation of "Biliposol" is sold on the Continent under a variety of names; the latter is termed in Great Britain and other European countries "Bivatol."

Unfortunately in the United States of America the term "Biliposol" has been applied to the basic bismuth α -carbethoxy- β -methylnonoate and under this name has been accepted by the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry for "New and Non-official Remedies" (*Journ. Amer. Med. Assn.*, 1932, **99**, 1424). Much confusion may thus be caused since when British and American workers refer to "Biliposol" they have in mind two compounds of quite different composition.

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Yours, etc.,

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